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# The Bison

## DEAN SEARS ANNOUNCES SELECTION OF 'WHO'S WHO'

### W. D. Chronic Gives Full Time To Directing Harding Orchestra; Now Has Thirty-Three Members

#### Will Appear In First Program Tomorrow

Under the direction of Mr. Matthew D. Chronic, the Harding College orchestra is looking forward to one of the best years in its history. When Mr. Chronic came to Harding to work with the orchestra last year, there were only four instruments represented — piano, violin, trombone, and clarinet — and only one of each, but by the end of the year, through the efforts of Mr. Chronic, a 15 piece orchestra had been built up, and was able to give a performance at the commencement exercises.

This year, the orchestra numbers 33 members, and Mr. Chronic states that it has better balance and more interest than last year's group, and is making faster improvement. Mr. Chronic is giving his full time to the Harding orchestra this year having resigned his post with the Searcy High School, which he held last year.

The orchestra is now working in marches, and will give its first public appearance this year in a chapel program on October 31, in the auditorium. Numbers to be taken up later in the year include novelty numbers, semi-classic, concert waltzes, serenades, and overtures. Light classics will be introduced near the end of this term. A string bass, kettle drums, and an E flat clarinet have been added to the group this year.

The members of the orchestra and their instruments are as follows: violin, Jacqueline Willett, Gloria Lipscomb, Sherrill Summitt; clarinet, Doris Abney, Bessie Mae Ledbetter, Geneva Clem, Clarence Richmond; E flat clarinet, Lu Evelyn Patton; cornet, Alfred Turman, Marguerite O'Banion, James Carroll; flute, Doris Ritchie; Bass drum, Sara Adams; trombone, Cecil Garrett, Paul Clark, Caroline Weaver; Snare drums, Carmen Price, Bonnie Bergner; cymbals, Ruth Barnes; piano, Ruth Summitt, Ruth Ellen Polk; sousaphone, Gerald McCalister.

This year is the forty-fifth that Mr. Chronic has spent in work with orchestras. He started in band work in 1900 at his home in Clinton, Missouri, and has been doing it ever since. During his 45 years in band work, Mr. Chronic has worked with Chautauqua groups, circuses, carnivals, and during the first World War, played the slide trombone in the famous Sousa Marine Band. For the last 24 years, he has been engaged in school work in Missouri and Arkansas. He has made five trips to Europe to study theory and composition of music, and there studied in Paris, Hamburg, and Milan. He has also studied under the famous trombonist, Arthur Pryor, and the noted Norwegian conductor, Carl Bush.

Not only does he do the directing and instructing for the orchestra here, but also all the repair work on instruments. His experience in this line, which has included the making of instruments, well qualifies him for this.

About his work here, Mr. Chronic states, "With all the bands and orchestras I have worked with in the circuit of the past years, there has been better discipline in the group at Harding, and working with the orchestra here has given me more pleasure than anything I have ever experienced."

### Curtis Holds Tubercular Clinic Today And Tomorrow

Dr. A. C. Curtis, Director of the Division of Tuberculosis Control in the Arkansas State Health Department, will be at Harding today and tomorrow to be in charge of a Tubercular Clinic. All workers and faculty members have been especially requested to be X-rayed during these two days because of their constant contact with others.

Having been proved that it is not inherited it has been found that tuberculosis is caused by a germ called the tubercle bacillus. These germs are scattered around by careless victims and are picked up and breathed into the body or taken in with the food.

Although not all people with the germ are infected, a great number usually are, and one should not give the disease a chance to make headway by keeping a careful check-up.

Tuberculosis is a preventable and a curable disease, yet in 1943 it filled 75,000 graves in the United States alone. It is estimated that the total cost of tuberculosis in one year is \$1,000,000,000.

### Hockaday Will Is Probated

According to a will which has just been probated, Mrs. George S. Benson is heir to part of the estate of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hockaday. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hockaday have passed away during the last year, and the estate goes to the three children: Mrs. Benson; Mrs. Tillman Terry of Granite, Oklahoma; and W. Don Hockaday of Macon, Missouri. The estate has been valued at approximately fifty thousand dollars.

### Outing Proves To Be Memorable Occasion For All

By Mary Ruth Scott

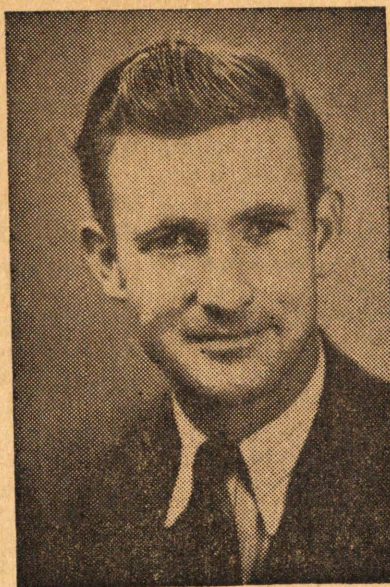
Harding Faculty and student body turned out Friday to go to Bee Rock for its traditional all-day fall outing.

Students began leaving the campus shortly after seven in the morning in cars, the school bus, a truck, or walking.

After the arrival at Bee Rock, Professor Hugh Rhodes organized hiking trips and games. The hikers were divided into two groups who went to the cave, the stairs and other places of interest. Football, dodge-ball, keep-away and horse-shoes were played by the more active of the students left behind, while the less energetic found flat rocks on which to play Buzz and Rook. Other groups gathered to play guitars and sing.

At twelve-thirty a two-way line began to form to wait for lunch. Barbecued roast, potato salad, slaw, Boston baked beans, fruit salad, pickles, olives, banana pudding and punch were served the group and students gathered along the river bank and the rocks to (Continued on page three)

### PHOTOGRAPHER and VENTRILOQUIST



Bill Walker

### Walker Knows Better Method For 'Grownups'

By Claudia Rosenbaum

This year, no birdie.

There was a time when Mrs. Doe, as soon as she could see presidential timber in her son John, made haste to put a little extra starch in his frilled, four-button pantie-waist, force his feet into shoes and accompany him to a photographer. Always, after that, came an awakening for John Doe that withered his faith forever in people who make pictures.

Seated right straight in front of the horrid, big, black thing, scared in an inch of something, John looked ready to run. His poor mother feared the photographer would freeze that frightened face on a tin-type. But, No! Hid like an ostrich under a black handkerchief, the camera man exclaimed, "Now watch for the birdie." Every time, Johnnie brightened up, something snapped and it all ended in an anti-climax.

On the way home, came the truth. "Maw, did I have my pitcher tuck?" "Well then, whir'z the pitcher?" "You mean that feller that hid behind the black thing?"

"He storied to me about that bird; now didn't he, maw?"

And it's just about backward with college ladies and gentlemen who go for a sitting, preliminary to looking their best to Petty Jim. In 'doves especially are they hard to handle. Each one tries to seem the most sophisticated, the least interested, the most intrigued with other matters. You should have been at the Rendezvous where Florence Jewell Doe escorted her varsity singing crew for a pot-shot.

Each one of them had agreed not to mention a name in connection with Sextet or Quartet until the official announcement was released. (See Bison, 10-16-45, P. 1, col. 6.) Teacher wanted the brood exposed sitting but each one much preferred being shot on the run. For an hour they laughed and romped, giggled and wriggled, made faces and frisked from pose to piano and back to pose again.

Finally the third photographer got them all pedestalled on coca-cola cases, tenor-to-bass, ceiling to floor, like that; all arranged but still a-twitter. Suddenly from the street came an ominous voice, "Hey, what's going on up there?" There had been a leak! Who had tattled?

The ten looked sober for a split second. A helper closed the Venetian blind to obstruct the view from the street. (Continued on page four.)

### What's New In The News

#### Truman Would Retain Wartime Powers

John W. Snyder, war mobilization and reconversion director, told a House Judiciary sub-committee Friday that President Truman wants to retain indefinitely his power to continue rationing, priorities, draft and other wartime powers. Snyder said that revocation of these powers would be a serious threat to reconversion.

He said, "No wartime control will be exercised one day longer than is absolutely needed."

The Committee opened hearings on bills to declare the war legally ended. When that date is fixed the President will lose many of his emergency powers.

#### Labor Crisis Considered Improved

Government officials considered the labor situation more hopeful and the United States Conciliation Service predicted that the number of strikes would decrease to "near normal" within three weeks.

The following favorable developments were reported:

1. Report that settlements were made in strikes involving 103,000 workers in the week ending Wednesday, while new strikes in that period took fewer than half as many off the job.
2. Officials considered the appointment of John R. Steelman as a presidential assistant as a sign that President Truman was planning to intervene in strikes.
3. A high Labor Department official predicted that no major strikes would affect the auto industry before January 1.
4. President Truman named 36 industry and union leaders who will be delegates to the National Labor-management peace conference starting November 5.

### Cooley Sells Most Lyceum Tickets

To Bruce Cooley goes first place award for selling 30 tickets in the sale of lyceum season tickets. Two season tickets were given free for first place. One season ticket free goes to Joe Cannon who sold 25 tickets.

Close runners-up were Ruth Benson who sold 21 tickets and Margaret Clappitt who sold 20. The ticket sale ended Thursday evening at 6:15.

### Dean Sears Attends Meeting Of State College Group

Dean L. C. Sears was one of 24 Arkansas college representatives who went to Little Rock October 23 to complete plans for cooperation in acquiring surplus war properties available to educational institutions.

Leonard Price, business manager of Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas was appointed to submit 17 applications to the Eighth Service Command headquarters at Dallas, Texas.

The lists will be sent separately to Dallas and to St. Louis to be approved before they are returned to ordnance plants in the state for distribution of approved materials.

### Faculty Chooses Eight Students From Junior And Senior Classes

### Fifty Students See Hugo's 'Rigoletto' In Little Rock

Approximately 50 students attended the opera "Rigoletto" given in Little Rock, October 24.

"Rigoletto," an opera in four acts with music by Giuseppe Verdi and words by Victor Hugo, was presented by a company under the management of Charles L. Wagner.

Those from Harding attending the opera were: Mrs. Kirby, Carl Wills, Mildred Lanier, Jimmy Mooneyham, James Willett, Nina Spears, Gladys O'Neal, Virginia Cranford, Orel Herren, Robert Webb, Jean Gunter, Marvin Brooker, Rose Ballenger, Gloria Lipscomb, Gerald McCalister, Paul Clark, Lucien Bagnetto, Bob Collins, Joyce Herren, Jo O'Neal, Bruce Cooley, Betty Ransom, Betty Smith, Madge McCluggage, Mrs. Jewell, Mary Barnard, Betty Oldham, Lavera Novak, Zina Lee Taylor, Jo Connell, Vernon Lawyer, Loretta Smith, Lois Gurganus, Madalyn Herren, Bob Helsten, Margaret Smart, Axel Swang, Doris Swang, Marguerite O'Banion, James Ganus, Doris Johnson, Virgil Lawyer, Lou Dugger, Carmen Price, Eugenia Stover, Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. Ward, Maryann Hazlet, Ida Hazlet, Douglas Lawyer, Evan Ulrey, Bill Nations, Mrs. Rowe, Lois Hemmingsway, Mary Belle Garner, and Lynn Hefton.

### Dr. Benson Lectures In Three Cities

Dr. George S. Benson spoke in Jackson, Mississippi, Little Rock, and Amarillo, Texas, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday of last week. His audiences at Jackson, Monday included business men and the 'Executives' Club. His program was complimented by members of the club as the best in their history.

In Little Rock Tuesday, President Benson appeared before the Little Rock Federation of Women's Clubs speaking on the topic, "Is Federal Aid an Asset or Liability to the State." He stated that it is impossible for the state to receive federal school aid without federal control. He added that for the state to apply for aid assumes that the state cannot handle its own educational problems. Freedom is threatened by many of the "socialistic bills" pending in Washington, and all such attempts to bring the federal government into state functions tend to set up a strong centralized government with ever increasing power which may or may not be properly administered for the benefit of the states, he said.

Dr. Benson believes that Arkansas is capable of handling her own educational system, especially with added development of private enterprise in the state. He pointed out that the states have been paying their way during the past few years while the federal government has not.

All the high school students of the city heard Dr. Benson in Amarillo on Thursday where he also addressed a business men's luncheon at noon.

### Selections Made On Basis Of Five Qualifications

It has been announced by Dean L. C. Sears that Bill Baker, Emmett Smith, Bessie Mae Ledbetter, Laura Lee Arms, Evan Ulrey, Virgil Lawyer, seniors, and Bob Helsten and Dale Straughn, juniors, have been named as the Harding students to be placed in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities" for this year.

Selections are made by the faculty on the basis of the following five qualifications: scholarship, character, extra-curricular activities, leadership and prospect of future usefulness.

Names and autobiographies of outstanding students in colleges and universities are placed in a yearbook published by the organization. The publication is sent to well-known business men, and employers all over the United States to be used as future reference when application is made for employment.

One of the highest honors a student may obtain, the selection to "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities" is given to a certain number each year upon the basis of enrollment figures and is confined to juniors and seniors.

Laura Lee Arms, a David Lipscomb graduate who came to Harding last year, is the business manager of the Bison. From Celina, Tennessee, Laura Lee is a charter member of the Metah Moe social club, and is president of the organization this year. She is secretary of the senior class, and in charge of the training school Sunday school class.

Laura Lee won the "Over-All Speech Festival Award for Women" last year. In high school she was named best all-around student, and was the assistant editor of the year book, and editor of the school paper. At David Lipscomb she was secretary of the Press Club and acted as assistant librarian.

Having taught two years already, Laura Lee says she still likes it and plans to continue next year. She is also enthusiastic about volleyball, and was on the intramural championship team last year. Her summer was spent in work as assistant priorities manager for a company working on the atomic bomb in Oakridge, Tennessee.

Also a David Lipscomb graduate, Bessie Mae Ledbetter was named "Miss Lipscomb" while in school there. Last year she was selected to be a Harding Petit Jean queen attendant, and was named 1946 Petit Jean Editor. A charter president of the Phi Delta social club, Bessie Mae is a stamp collector and is interested in dramatic club work.

Bessie Mae is from Shelbyville, Tennessee. She wants to become a dietitian and intends to go to a school in Washington, D. C., next year for training. She will do her intern work at Vanderbilt.

Evan Ulrey was born in Martinsville, Indiana, August 25, 1922, and lived on a farm there until he finished high school in 1940. He went to Detroit to work in a lumber industry and considers that there the most important event in his life occurred. He became a member of the church and decided to become a preacher. He came to Harding in the fall of 1942 and became interested (Continued on page four.)



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## What Is Your Answer To 'This Week's Question'?

Perhaps those who were not asked in "This Week's Question" would like to voice their opinions concerning a "Sadie Hawkins Day" at Harding this year.

This famous day comes only once in each year and it might prove itself to be helpful from the viewpoint of both boys and girls. It might be a question as to how it could be helpful to the boys since there are already many more women than men, but with a little thought it will be perfectly clear.

Any close observer will note that, in spite of the ratio of women to men, many of the eligible male sex prefer to move about in the company of the same sex rather than venturing a bit of social life in which the opposite sex are represented. When young men go about in clans with the opportunities that are presented here, something must be out of adjustment. Either the women are not skillful enough to break through the timidity of the other sex or the men are just too busy to engage in any extra-curricular activities at all.

Now, a "Sadie Hawkins Day" will allow the girls to cast aside any ideas of etiquette and oversome, by force if necessary, the reservations of the boys.

This is a serious discourse on the problem which, all know, is present at Harding. Just what do you think of the suggestions made here and in the questions and answers?

## Let's Not Be Estranged From The World Outside

How well informed are the student body of Harding College with regard to what happens outside the halls and off the campus?

It is the intention of The Bison to help in any way possible to keep all who will read all of the paper informed as to what is happening and to give any information with regard to the way in which outside happenings might affect us.

There is a tendency here to draw oneself into an isolation from the outside world that might prove detrimental to us in the future. Here at Harding there is a society that fills the needs of each student while he is here and thus is developed the attitude that contact with the outside world is unnecessary. While we may not need the outside world during our stay here, we must keep in touch with what is going on so we will not be forced to take time during our re-adjustment to the outside to study the history of the world for the last four years.

The article concerning Dr. Benson's testimony last week was an outstanding example of what is going on in the nation while the weekly column on current events is intended to furnish those who do not have time to read the daily papers with a resume of national and international happenings.

If interest is sufficient, at a later date a student "Gallop Poll" will be taken to ascertain the general attitude concerning the news of the world, what is in The Bison and general thinking on the campus. Let us know what you think of such.

## Suggestions

Editorials have been written, speeches have been made and various means have been used to encourage proper conduct during chapel services. It has been suggested many times that we guard our applause and use it when it adds to a speech and not when it detracts from one.

Just another reminder that we watch the scraping of books and any other unnecessary noise during devotional periods in chapel.

The interruption between singing and praying that is necessitated by late comers detracts greatly from the atmosphere created by the singing of a spiritual song. It has been suggested that it would be better to interrupt routine announcements.

This is not intended as preaching; just a reminder.

## Alumni Echoes

Mr. and Mrs. George DeHoff announce the birth of their young daughter, Bonnie Marie. Their first child, George, Jr., is now three years old. George is now working with the East Main Street church in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. In connection with his preaching he does a great deal of writing. "Why We Believe the Bible" is his book which the ministerial students like so much. In a recent letter George said, "Since leaving Harding I have grown fat, baldheaded, and have three chins!!"

Captain Estelle M. McCluggage, the brother of Madge, is at the present time stationed in Kunming, China. He was enrolled in Harding during 1939-40, and was a member of the Tagma club.

Oscar Drake who graduated from Harding in 1940, is now up in the far north. He is preaching for the church in Tanacross, Alaska. While at the college, Oscar was a member of the Koinonia club.

A student of 1942 and now stationed in Japan is Jack Croom. Previous to this time, Jack was with the American first army that helped clean out the Ruhr Pocket. He was then transferred to Patton's third army for the dash Southeast through Bavaria. At the close of the war he was near Bertsagaden, and his 86th division was the first to cross the Danube after taking the fortress city of Ingoldstadt on the north side of the Danube. Jack served as a combat medic helping many wounded people, including enemy soldiers and civilians. While Jack was at Harding he was a member in the band and orchestra, and the Koinonia social club.

Preaching the word of God is the main vocation of W. F. Parks. He is preaching for the church of Christ in Portsmouth, Virginia at the present time

C. W. Bradley, a 1944 graduate, is a co-worker in the Syracuse, New York congregation with George Gurganus. The past summer he became engaged to Roberta Brandon, a last year's student who was very prominent in all the sports activities. Both students were very well liked while at Harding, and just as every other former Hardingite, made many lasting friends.

## Writer Stresses Two Phases Of Religion

By Robert Grayson

Worship is the reverence, honor, and devotion that we give to God with whatever forms may be required for that end. At times there is a tendency, perhaps unconscious, to think that God is benefited or made more powerful by the homage paid him. It is true of a popular hero concerning public honors he attains, that he reaches greater heights of power. But this is not true of God since he is not dependent on man or any other creature for his power. There is no power but of God.

While it is necessary to distinguish between worship and good works, yet one should not separate his religion from every day living. When this is done worship is no longer fulfilling its purpose, but has become abominable in the sight of God (Isa. 1:1-17). By coming to the omnipotent being we are made to recognize our weakness and in weakness are made strong (II Cor. 12: 7-10). Thus the worshiper is the one benefited and not God. Worship is the medium through which we are made recipients of the strength that is God's.

It is strange that so often in thinking of the religion of Christ the emphasis is put upon the assembly and the precepts pertaining to it. James said, "Pure religion and undefiled before our God and Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world," (James 1:27).

Christianity and morality are inseparable. The children of God are a new

creation. "For we are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God afore prepared that we should walk in them," (Eph. 2:10). Jesus' instruction is to the intent that "we should live soberly, rightously and godly in this present world," (Titus 2:12).

We ought, therefore, to "present our bodies a living sacrifice holy, acceptable to God which is our reasonable service." Our God is not a god of silver or gold designed and molded by man's hands. He is rather our creator. This being true, it follows that God is not "served by man's hands as though he needed anything seeing he himself giveth to all life and breath and all things." This does not mean that we can do no service for God. But our service for God must be directed towards self-preparation and service to our fellow man. "But whoso hath the world's goods, and beholdeth his brother in need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how doth the love of God abide in him?" (I John 3:12).

In our desire to avoid the Pharisaic position of straining out the gnat and swallowing the camel, there is no reason for us to swallow the gnat either. Due emphasis must be laid upon the weightier matters that undergird the whole Christian faith. At the same time we can order our lives in the smallest things, ordinances of whatever type. The admonition of Christ is, "These (smaller matters of the law) ye ought to have done, and not to have left the other undone."

## Dear Bubby

Your mother says to tell you that she's sending a box of cookies and candy today and will write later.

We're very happy that you're getting along so well. You show an attitude of being adaptable which is very valuable to you. We hope that you'll remember what we've tried to teach you and be worthy of it.

The same day I received your letter I received a bill from the business office. I see C. D. Brown is still the bursar as he was four years ago when your sister, Mabel, was there. I met him once; he certainly is interested in that long green stuff with a short future. From the accounts in the papers, Dr. Benson is getting lots of money for the school; and that must make Bursar Brown a happy man.

Mabel made Bursar happy by being a successful customer of his matrimonial bureau. She was there but one year when she married Bill, who was a senior. Another "they met at Harding" case just as your mother and I were. But I hope you know you're too young to be considering such.

I also received your laundry bill. You must have the laundry of your whole house on that one bill. I am notifying the laundry to send no more bills to me; you're to pay it from your allowance.

I'm sure you'll be needing no more clothes. I have just received the bill from Wood's Clothing Store which you nor your mother told me about.

I saw Bill and had to pay him the ten dollars you borrowed in August. I suggest you write no more checks.

Yours,  
Dad.

## 'Round Here

By Joe Dan Tipps

Well, due to Bill Smith's announcement in Chapel several girls went down to the photographer's studio to have their lovely countenances transferred to paper. The rain didn't descend, and the floods didn't come so everything went off swell!!

After a few days the girls got their pictures and began to select the most flattering one to put in the Petit Jean. It seems that Joe Cannon was going around and looking at them. He asked Mary Belle Garner to see her pictures and remarked thusly:

Why Mary Belle I always thought you were attractive, and now this "proofs" it.

Jack Harris: "Therman, do you know what pink elephants are?"

Therman Healy: "No, I don't believe I do."

Jack: "Beasts of bourbon!!"

Bob Helston: "Man, the craziest thing happened yesterday! The suspenders on my pants broke."

Claude Lewis: "Didn't it embarrass you?"

Bob: "Nope, Therman had them on!"

Saturday after dinner several students were playing croquet. Marvin Book

## Know Our Teachers

By Rosemary Pledger

Another Rhodes? She's a teacher and not a student? Yes, the attractive redhead that you see with Professor Hugh Rhodes is Harding's assistant business teacher, Mrs. Rhodes.

Norma Ruth Rhodes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Moser, was born February 11, 1923, in Pritchett, Texas. Her father was a preacher and as a consequence, the family moved frequently from place to place.

When Norma Ruth was ten, they moved to Frederick, Oklahoma, where she first met her future husband and the Rhodes' family. She remembers that when she was in high school she thought Hugh was "kinda cute", but didn't think of him beyond that.

The Moser family moved back to Texas, and Norma Ruth attended John Tarleton Junior College at Stephenville. Interested in music, she took part in choral work and was a member of the Tarleton girls' sextet. When she finished she was named as being one of the upper ten with highest grades in a student body of 1600.

Norma Ruth's next two years were spent at Abilene Christian College in Abilene, Texas. There she continued the business administration major she had started in the junior school. During her senior year she was president of the GATA club and secretary of the Pickwick Writer's Club.

Upon her graduation from A. C. C. Mrs. Rhodes accepted a job with the Humble Oil Company at Hawkins, Texas, in the Payroll Department and as secretary to an engineer. She stayed there 16 months and enjoyed her work, but left to come to Harding when there was an opening in the fall of 1944.

Here she renewed old acquaintances Rhodes family. Then a childhood friend Rhodes family. Then a childhood friend became a partner for life when Norma Ruth was married to Hugh December 15, 1944.

Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes live just off the campus on Center Street. Mrs. Rhodes likes to cook, she says, when she has time, but much of her day is spent in the classroom. She carries a teaching load of seventeen and one half hours.

Mr. Rhodes preaches at Judsonia each Sunday, and Mrs. Rhodes usually goes with him to help with Sunday School work. Full of life, personality and a sense of humor, Norma Ruth Rhodes is a successful teacher in both the scholastic and religious fields.

## From The Pen Of Our Sponsor

By Joe Pryor

During my first year as a graduate student, I had for a classmate a young man who prided himself upon being a skeptic. To him there was nothing holy and sacred and nothing real unless it could be "proved" by mathematical formulae. To mention God, Christ, religion or faith to him was but to call forth a scoff. No enlightened person in this modern age still clung to such superstitious and out-moded ideas, said he. Yet to him life was not worth living and he rued the day that he was born. What a tragedy is such a life!

However, faith is one of the inevitable qualities of life. Man cannot live without faith. It is not something that is vague and mystic, something which seizes us as an epileptic fit, it is a fundamental principle in our life. It is the dynamo of life. The past we can and do know and we can see the present. But we must believe in the future. Faith is the very basis of those qualities

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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN A SADIE HAWKINS DAY THIS YEAR?

Eugenia Stover — "No, but if you get a man in the end — then O. K."

Carmen Price — "I've already won a race. However, I think Eugenia should!"

Joe Mitchen — "What's the use?— I've done been caught."

Lucien Bagnetto — "What's the difference between Sadie Hawkins' Day and a regular day at Harding?"

Lois Hemingway — "I had better be careful what I say here."

Pat Halbert — "Would I ? ? . . . ! —Would I ! !"

Thelda Healy — "I most certainly would — who is the sponsor?"

Bruce Cooley — "Why certainly!"

Axel Swang — "I would, but I can't! Guess why?"

Rex Westerfield — "Sure — this is what I've been waiting for!"

Dr. Joe Pryor — "I'm all for it."

Betty Sue Traylor — "That would all depend—!"

Guthrie Dean — "Yeah, I'm for it— Whoa — wait a minute — what am I saying?"

Also in that class of Physics Bob Helston made a rash theory and was asked to prove it. His theory was that a piece of notebook paper was like a lazy dog so he proceeded to arrive at the conclusion thusly:

Bob: "In my conception a piece of notebook paper is an 'inkline plane', and an 'inkline plan' is a 'slope up' and a 'Slope up' is a lazy dog."—Whew ! !



Looks <sup>^</sup> Books

By Marvin Howell

A recent Book-Of-The-Month Club selection, "The World, The Flesh, and Father Smith", has caused a good bit of discussion. Written by Bruce Marshall, a Catholic, the book tells the life of Father Smith and his struggles as priest of a small Scotch parish. It is purely fiction.

The book has no running plot but merely sketches of the priest's life from 1900 up until the present war. The "sketches" are warm and human but are lacking in continuity and the reader is likely to find his mind wandering. The redeeming factor is the light humor peppered through the stories so that we can laugh with Father Smith as he laughs at himself and the world about him.

Although it is wholly Catholic, readers will enjoy the religious philosophy of the homey priest. It gives a picture of just what goes on in a Catholic priest's mind, so vividly that we wonder how a layman could have written it. Other characters run here and there through the pages but it is Father Smith and his mental conflicts which have the center of the stage.

If you like action in your reading, you may find this a bit slow moving. Ministerial students will like it, however.

PEN OF OUR SPONSER

(Continued from page two.)

we cherish most highly. What would life be without hope? What would life be without love? But faith underlies these.

All of us realize that there are some things — even the most vital and significant — which we cannot "prove". In mathematics we are familiar with axioms — propositions whose truths are self-evident. Likewise, in life there are axiomatic principles. Do you ask me to prove my faith? Why not ask me to prove my existence? Philosophically, "I think, therefore I am", says Descartes. But what have we proved? Does it not mean as much to say, "I am, therefore I think". Have you heard of the boy who proved (?) to his girl that she loved him? He used the following syllogism: "All the world loves a lover, you are all the world to me, therefore you love me." Mathematics, logic and proofs have their significant place in life's activities, but the great principles of life transcend these fields of thought.

Faith comprehends more than logic can reach. Toward the close of the last century an eminent scientist in one of our larger eastern universities proved that an airplane could never lift more than its own weight. But there were some men who apparently did not read his treatise and they had faith in man's ability to overcome the forces of gravity and soar through the air as a bird. Today we are well acquainted with what has been accomplished. A complete explanation of the universe or of life is impossible. Rationalism does but con-

fuse. Yet through faith we comprehend far more than we know. Yes, through faith we catch a glimpse of the ultimate reality of life and the jig-saw puzzle of man's origin, purposes and destiny is fitted into a beautiful picture.

Faith is essential to life. It is not a question of whether to have faith or not to have it; but rather in what or in whom shall we have faith. We can avoid making up our minds about many questions but we cannot avoid living — our actions toward God and man. We face the categorical imperative. Let us not delude ourselves into thinking we can escape. Like Caesar at the Rubicon, we are casting the die. Faith in God presents the issues of greatest import and life compels us to take a stand. Faith in God is our most valuable possession — yes, more valuable than life itself.

SCHOOL OUTING

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eat. After lunch a program was presented by representatives of each class division

and the faculty. A humorous reading called "The Man and the Mouse" was presented by Dr. Benson representing the faculty.

A senior presentation of a skit depicting the trials of army life as portrayed by Corporal Virgil Lawyer as he tries to train Ordis Copeland, Al Stroop, Lucien Bagnetto, Evan Ulrey, Howard Ewing and Bob Collins to become real soldiers followed.

Bob Helsten as the narrator and Joe Cannon as the one-man orchestra got the junior reproduction of the opera "Rigoletto" under way. Vernon Lawyer and Mildred Lanier starred in the production.

A hill-billy family reunion was the theme of the sophomore class contribution. Composing the "family" were Bruce Cooley, Jo Connell, Wayne Moody, Forest Moyer, Joe Dan Tipps, Edna Hodge, Maxine Grady, Henry Farrar, Katherine Johnson, Guthrie Dean, Betty Chesshir, Ruth Barnes, Grace Riggs, Ruth Benson, Margaret Clappitt, Carl Wills and Eldon Gray. Carl and Eldon rendered guitar and

mandolin duets and other members of the family gave numbers.

Shirley Jo Duffle, Mary Jo Lawyer and Carolyn Bradley, high school students, represented their division with songs.

The freshman class master-of-ceremonies and joke-narrator was Douglas Lawyer, who presented Jule Miller and his magic tricks and Zina Lee Taylor and her accordian.

The last attraction on the program was a performance by Joe Webb and his horses.

It was expressed by one of the students that Bee Rock in itself could supply sufficient entertainment for the crowd. The surrounding woods are excellent for hiking and climbing and contain such places of interest as a cave, a natural rock archway and a long row of stone steps leading from a water

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# News From The Training School

Thursday afternoon at four o'clock mothers of the training school pupils and the training school faculty met together to discuss a new grade card. Dr. W. K. Summitt spoke and tea was served.

The seventh and eighth graders now have their laboratory work in science organized and are also doing some painting.

The seat covers that are being made in the fifth and sixth grade rooms are taking form now. One chair was prepared to show to the mothers last Thursday.

They have been making and painting tables for their flower pots. The flower boxes have been painted and flowers planted in them.

The other night some of the third and fourth grade pupils heard birds migrating to the south, flying overhead. They have drawn pictures of geese and in science are studying the migration of birds. They composed the following poem:

Wild geese are flying through the air  
They are going south somewhere  
To find a place where it is warm  
While we are having winter storms  
The first and second graders are still gathering autumn leaves. They are reading library books in class work.

## PROGRAM

The Harding College orchestra, under the direction of Mr. M. D. Chronic, will give its first public performance of the year at chapel on Wednesday, October 31, in the auditorium. The program, of approximately 20 minutes, will consist of five numbers: "Summit", a march, "Zenith", an overture, the "Little Gray Church, a serenade, "Indian Boy", a foxtro, and "Mr. Joe", a one and two step.

## Dot O'Neal Directs Dramatic Club Play

"Shadow at the Window" a one act drama, directed by Dorothy O'Neal, was presented in dramatics club Thursday evening.

Characters were portrayed by Thurman Healy, Betty Spruell, Mary Bess Love, Howard Ewing, Gladys O'Neal, and James Willett.

### —NO BIRDIE

(Continued from page one.)

But, "We saw you all right," came the voice from without.

But youngsters are alert. The top Tenor saw the photographer's lips move. "You're a ventriloquist," he lilted. The other nine voices let their faces relax. They smiled. Something snapped and it all ended in an anti-climax.

"It beats asking grown people to watch for the birdie," observed the photographer, breaking the legs of his tripod.

### —WHO'S WHO

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ed in dramatic work and chorus. He has directed several school productions and for the past two years has won the diction award given by the college.

President of the junior class and vice-president of the dramatic club last year, Evan is president of the dramatic club

this year and skipper of the Sub T-16 social club.

President of the senior class of '46, Bill Baker is a Bible, religious education and social science major with a particular liking for Greek. He is a Lipscomb graduate and won their highest honor "Bachelor of Ugliness," (about the same as best-liked boy) while there. He likes debating and reading and has a collection of old books.

Bill entered Harding last year to prepare for the ministry and held his first meeting in Kentucky this summer. Interested in New Zealand and Australia, he hopes to become a missionary to those countries.

Born March 14, 1920, Emmett Smith, editor of The Bison, is a native of McCrory, Arkansas. He was reared on a farm and liked hunting and fishing as a boy. In high school he edited their publication, took part in dramatic work and was president of the F. F. A. He liked sports and was a letterman in football, baseball and basketball. When he graduated he was valedictorian of the senior class.

Coming to Harding in 1940, Emmett has been on debate teams for three years. He left school to preach two years, returning last year to resume his work towards a degree.

He joined the Press Club last year, and was named editor for this year last spring. He has been a member of the Lambda Sigma social club for six years, and was a charter member of the International Relations Club. He preaches at Oil City, near Batesville, Arkansas, in a mission program sponsored by the college church.

Originally from Missouri, Virgil Lawyer has lived in Searcy the past several years. He has been at Harding since entering college except for a few months at Pepperdine. He was elected president of the chorus for 1946 and is as-

sistant editor of the Petit Jean. He is also a member of a men's quartet which sings for churches in various communities on special occasions.

Virgil was crowned Strawberry King in 1943, and was president of the sophomore class and social organization, T. N. T. in '44. He is planning to do mission work in Alaska in the future.

One of two juniors to receive this honor, Dale Straughn was born in Kansas City, Missouri, July 12, 1925. He lived in Kansas, however, until 1939 when his family moved to Glenwood, Arkansas. A rare disease kept him out of school a year, but he made up the time when he came to Harding before finishing his final year of high school.

Dale has always had the ambition to preach, he says. He is in the small chorus and a member of the dramatic club. He was in two lyceums and two one-act plays last year and is a campus player this year. He has been a Lambda Sigma three years.

With the ambition to become a preacher since he can remember, Dale has taken part in the mission campaigns in Battle Creek, Michigan, and Rochester and Schnectady, New York, the past two summers. He believes it is a "valuable type of experience for any Christian whether he intends to preach or not."

Born in Seattle, Washington, February 13, 1925, Bob Helsten nevertheless feels more like a native Californian. His family moved to Berkeley three

months after his birth. The thrill of his childhood was when he received a red fire engine for Christmas with a hose that would squirt water. The only subject he liked in school was chemistry, but he took part in the senior play.

Vice-president of his freshman and sophomore classes, Bob is the president of the junior class this year. He is a member of the T. N. T. social club. His ambition is to go to Germany for mis-

sion work with Otis Gatewood, but he may decide to finish school first.

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# Girls' Social Clubs Initiate Pledges In Varied Ceremonies

## Pledges Take Vows; Are Now Members

### M. E. A.

The Mu Eta Adelpians and their pledges met in the reception room at 8 o'clock where they left in carriages to go to the Methodist church for their formal initiation. They were given corsages of the club colors and candles at the vestibule of the church where they were ushered to the altar by Juanita Awtry and Marion Songer.

Organ music was provided by Mrs. Ward.

Charlene Magness read the thirty-first chapter of Proverbs. After prayer, each girl lighted her candle from the candle of the club president, Theda Robbins. After the club constitution was read by Betty Sue Traylor, the club pledge was repeated.

Mrs. Jewell sang "The Prayer Perfect" at the end of the service.

The group left by carriage to go to the Blue room of the Rendezvous for refreshments.

### Alpha Theta

The Alpha Theta club had its formal initiation at the home of the sponsor, Mrs. Emmett Smith, Saturday evening, October 27.

Decorations of blue candles and gold asters carried out the club colors. The traditional candle lighting ceremony was led by Lou Dugger, president. Frieda Hill, secretary-treasurer, read Proverbs thirty-one.

Refreshments were served buffet style.

### Tofebt

The formal initiation of the Tofebt club was a candle light service held in Godden Hall reception room Thursday night, October twenty-fifth.

The pledges were taken into the reception room one at a time and each repeated the Ten Commandments and the 23rd Psalm. They were all presented with corsages of the club colors.

The president of the club, Ruth Summitt, read the club constitution.

Carletta Froud and Kathryn served refreshments.

### W. H. C.

The W. H. C. club members and pledges assembled in Pattie Cobb Hall at 5 o'clock for the final program of their club initiation, which was a semi-formal progressive dinner.

The first course of the meal was served at Mrs. Cope's home, the second at Mrs. Berryhill's, third at the choral studio and the final one in the dining room where the initiation took place.

Mrs. Mattox, the club sponsor, read

the thirty-first chapter of Proverbs after which Jerry Young made some comments on the reading.

Frances Watson, the club president welcomed the new members to the club. Then the club constitution was read by Rosemary Pledger.

### Ju Go Ju

The Ju Go Ju club formally initiated nine new members Saturday night at the home of Dean and Mrs. L. C. Sears.

Following speeches from each of the three officers, all sang "How Sweet, How Heavenly Is the Sight." The new members read the thirteenth chapter of I Corinthians and repeated the club motto. The program ended with singing the club song.

Sandwiches, ice cream and cake, and punch were served after the program.

### Gata

The formal initiation of the GATA club was a candlelight service in the home of Mrs. Jess Rhodes.

The pledges quoted scripture from Proverbs thirty-first chapter.

After prayer, the club history was read by Esther Marie Clay.

Janet Rea, president of the club, read the club constitution.

After giving the club pledge, a corsage of the club colors, was given to each of them.

Jo O'Neal sang the club song.

Mrs. Rhodes served open faced sandwiches, punch and cake.

### Omega Phi

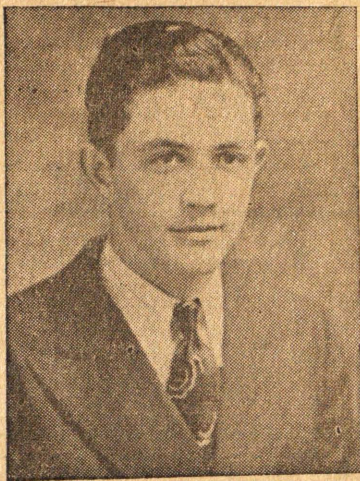
The Omega Phi's held their second annual formal initiation Saturday night in the home of their sponsor, Norma Ruth Rhodes. Scriptures bearing out the motto of the club were read by the former members, and the club hymn "Lead Kindly Light" was then sung by Loretta Smith, Lois Gurganus, and Norma Ruth Rhodes.

The candidates for initiation knelt one by one on the club pillow to take their vows during the significant candle lighting ceremony which was led by Dorothy Zazzi the club president.

Pledge ribbons were then removed and the girls were heartily welcomed as members of the club.

## Who's Who in Harding College

By Lou Dugger



Ordis Copeland

The stalwart senior who exposes a nice white row of teeth so often with a genuine smile is Ordis Copeland. He's an all round athlete and a grand person to have around.

Last spring on track and field day, Ordis brought himself and the Sub T club honor by scoring more points than anybody else.

When Ordis finished high school at Delight, Arkansas in 1937, he didn't even like the idea of college, but by January 1938 he was all settled at Harding.

"Ah, those were the days when

Harding had intercollegiate sports (sigh!!!). The subject for every theme I wrote pertained to basketball and my every interest was basketb... see, Aleatrice was here, but I hadn't seen her — that is, I mean, I knew her, but I had no sense of values and played basketball a lot."

Probably it should be explained here that Ordis stayed at Harding two years and left for five years to teach physical education before returning to Harding. In the meantime, Aleatrice Freeze, a former Harding student and Ordis were married July 3, 1942. Incidentally, Ordis was twenty four years old that same day.

His major is Bible, physical education and history. After graduating from Harding, he plans to attend George Peabody in Nashville to further his preparation for Christian college work. Ordis wants to spend his life preaching the gospel and directing physical education.

"I detest a person who pretends to be important when he isn't. One of the wisest statements Paul ever made is my favorite scripture 'If a man thinketh himself to be something when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.' " This spirit that Ordis possesses makes him a real credit to our Harding.

## Bridal Shower Is Given For Zazzi In East Wing

A bridal shower of kitchen utensils was given to Miss Jane Zazzi, Friday night, October twenty-sixth by the girls living in East Wing.

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## Sewing Club Meets At Benson Home Thursday Night

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The living room was decorated at vantage points with arrangements of roses from the college garden. Yellow and gold dahlia's formed a centerpiece for the lace-covered dining table.

Mrs. Benson and Miss O'Banion served a salad plate of chicken salad, Ritz, olives and chocolate wafers to twenty-five guests. Visitors were Mrs. H. E. Speck and Mrs. Nellie Ray.

## Voice Pupils Sing For Other Students

Several pupils of Mrs. Florence Fletcher Jewell sang before other voice students October 23.

The program was as follows: "Macushla," by Bill Nations; "Smilin' Thru," Dorothy King; "Sylvia," James Ganus; "The End of A Perfect Day," Jimmy Mooneyham; "By Bendemur's Stream," Class Voice; "Come Ye Blessed," Pat Halbert; "Kerry Dance," Doris Johnson; "The Rose of Tralee," Evan Ulrey; "Summer Serenade," Gladys O'Neal.

Madge McCluggage, Jo Connell, Mildred Lanier, Gladys O'Neal, and Mrs. Jewell were accompanists.

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# Competition Begins In Class Football Tournament

## Seniors Make Early Bid For Champ's Spot

Running up the highest score of any game of the past week, the Seniors last Wednesday eliminated the Freshman team from the class tournament by the score of 38-0. Overshadowing even the 27-0 victory by the Faculty of the day before, the Senior team showed themselves definitely superior throughout the whole game, and scored almost at will.

The scoring was begun early in the game, when Axel Swang scored on a pass from Ordin Copeland, and a moment later, made the extra point on another pass from Copeland. Later in the first half, Stroop caught a pass for six points, and Ewing one, to make the score 19-0 at the end of the first half.

The second half showed the same results as the first, with 19 points being scored then also. Cannon, E. Smith, and Swang scored touchdowns, and Stroop the one extra point made then, to give a total of 38 points for the game.

Copeland's long passes for good gains and all the scores easily made him the outstanding man of the game, but he received some very able assistance from the men who received his throws — Swang, Ewing, and Stroop. Virgil Lawyer played well and stood out on the defense.

Leading players for the Freshmen were Doug Lawyer, Norman Starling, Will Love, their leading passer, and Joe Webb, who caught several passes for nice gains.

### FRESHMEN — HIGH SCHOOL

To open the class tournament in football, last Monday the Freshman team beat the High School by the score of 13-0. With a fast first team, and plenty of reserves, the Freshmen were never in any danger of being overcome, but had to capitalize on breaks to get both their scores.

The first score came in the latter

part of the first quarter, when Doug Lawyer caught a fumble by Ernie Wilkerson and ran it over for the score. To the spectators, the play was both amusing and unique, for the ball went high in the air and was caught there and taken on over. The extra point came on a pass from Love to Davis.

The second score was made late in the last quarter, when again Lawyer covered a High School fumble deep in High School territory. The score came a moment later on a pass from Love to Harris. The try for the extra point failed.

Outstanding players for the Freshmen were Doug Lawyer, who played a steady game and covered two fumbles to make the scoring possible; Norman Starling, who played a consistently good game, intercepting several passes; and Will Love, whose bullet passes and spiraling kicks made his team come out victorious.

For the High School, Coy Campbell, Brick Hurst, and Jack Lawyer were out standing men. All played good games, but were not able to provide the punch necessary to score.

### FACULTY — SOPHOMORES

Completely outclassing the Sophomores, the Faculty team last Tuesday set them down in a humiliating defeat to the tune of a 27-0 score. From the first of the game, the superiority of the Faculty team was apparent. The eight men showed very good teamwork, which was perhaps the deciding factor, for the Sophomores just couldn't seem to get to working together effectively enough.

Always taking advantage of the slightest breaks, and making their own breaks when none appeared, the Faculty had no difficulty running up their large score. Jess Rhodes led the scoring with 13 points, making two touchdowns and one extra point, to be followed by Frank Rhodes, with 12, from two touchdowns, and two, by Joe Pryor, who made two extra points.

Hugh Rhodes, playing a backfield position, was perhaps the individual star of the game, intercepting several passes,

## Looking 'em Over

By Virgil Lawyer

Our first week of the football tournament is over and by the time the next issue comes out we will all know who the winners are.

There were no upsets this week but several teams did show more strength than had been expected of them. The first game between the Academy and Freshmen was an evenly fought game. The Academy have some good material but lacked a steady passer who could put the ball where it was needed most.

The second game, between the Faculty and Sophomores was no upset but was certainly a surprise. Both teams were thought to be of the lower division strength but that unpredictable faculty team came through with a very impressive win. This may mean the Faculty will make it tough for any team who thinks first place is a cinch.

The last game of the week between the Seniors and Freshmen was another one sided affair. The Freshmen lacked the scoring punch when they needed it most. Several times they threatened the Senior goal line only to be turned back. The way the Seniors clicked makes

and himself throwing passes for the score. Jess and Frank Rhodes and Joe Pryor, his usual receivers, were also outstanding, and also played good games on the defense.

For the Sophomores, Carl Wills, Jesse Vanhooser, and C. B. Passmore stood out. All fast men, they provided the main threat of their team.

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